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LA This I Believe Essay

"Love all, trust a few, do harm to none." This is as quoted from one of William Shakespeare's play: All's Well That Ends Well. I believe in trusting a few. Trust, as a verb, is to permit to stay or go or to do something without fear or misgiving. My mum always told me not to trust people too easily. I thought she was wrong. My friends and I had been through thick and thin together and we had always exchanged secrets, so why couldn't I trust them? It was until one incident when I realized my mum was right, trust shouldn't be given to others too easily...

I had a hand phone. I lived in a HDB apartment. My family did not own any car. I was happy living like that until I transferred to another primary school, when I was surrounded by rich kids. All of them had cool phones and gadgets. Their families lived in big bungalows and owned cars. I felt inferior and did not dare to tell anyone about my background, with fear of being out casted. But I quickly made friends with a group of girls and after quite some time, I finally mustered enough courage to tell them about my poor background. All of them promised never to leak out a single word about it. I felt relieved and glad that I was able to make true friends like these. However, a few days later, word spread like a fire in our class, and everyone started sniggering that my family did not even own a car and how poor I actually was.

At that instant, the trust in my friends was completely destroyed. I had trusted them so much, but yet they betrayed me. I had no

idea why they did that, especially after how much time and consideration I had put in before deciding to tell them the truth. I thought I could trust them, but they proved me wrong. Long after, I found out that they were actually jealous of my good grades, which had prompted them to break their promise. Only through this incident, I knew William Shakespeare was right, you cannot trust every single person you have met in your life completely, but yet you have to learn to love and care for them.

But still, it took me a pretty long time before I began to start trusting other people again. And I realized that generally we trust someone until we are proven otherwise, starting most relationships with a certain level of trust and building up from there.

Trust can take years to build, but only a moment to destroy. I believe that complete trust shouldn't be given to anyone too easily. Because keeping a promise may be the hardest thing to accomplish.